February 13, 2013

To whom it may concerns:

I am writing this letter in support of the doctoral dissertation that was submitted by Mr. Nicholas Ali entitled: "***PREDICTING RISK FACTORS OF NONCONTACT ANTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENT INJURIES DURING SINGLE-LEG LANDING"*** from School of Human Kinetics, University of Ottawa, Canada.

I was asked to review this document by Prof. G. Rouhi who was one member of Mr. Ali's supervisors and doctoral committee. Prof. Rouhi mentioned circumstances that have adversely affected the review of the dissertation.

I read the document and can testify that the subject matter is both timely and significant. The methodologies selected were sound and the productivity of the student and his advisors, Prof. Robertson and Prof. Rouhi, in publishing the results of this study have been very more than adequate. They have contributed to both clinical and biomechanical literature. They have five papers accepted in reputable journals such as *The Knee, and Computer Methods in Biomechanics and Biomedical Engineering.*

I cannot make any statement about the reasons for the emerged difficulty and if not resolved would be something that the University of Ottawa's Ombudsperson should be advised at http://www.uottawa.ca/ombudsperson/.

I see no reason that the committee should review the dissertation and evaluate the presentation. I would recommend a passing grade and evaluation for this dissertation based on my more than two decades of teaching at New York University, The Ohio State University, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran Medical Sciences University, Amir Kabir University of Techonolgy, Iran Science and Technology University, and Hanyang University; and multiple dissertations that I have reviewed as external referee for University of Queensland and Ecole Polytechnique amongst others. I have attached my resume to be used for your perusal as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any service.

Sincerely,

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